**Report of the Consultative Group to the President of the Human Rights Council relating to the vacancies of special procedure mandate holders to be appointed at the thirty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council**

**Part I**

*10 August 2017*

1. **Background**
2. In paragraph 47 of the annex to its resolution 5/1, the Human Rights Council decided to establish a Consultative Groupcomprised of Permanent Representatives identified by Regional Groups and serving in their personal capacity. The Consultative Group is mandated by the Council to propose to the President a list of candidates who possess the highest qualifications for the mandates in question and meet the general criteria and particular requirements. Recommendations to the President of the Human Rights Council are required to be made public and substantiated pursuant to paragraph 50 of the annex to resolution 5/1.
3. The members of the Consultative Group for the selection of mandate holders to be appointed at the thirty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council are: H.E. Mr. Hans Brattskar (Norway), H.E. Mr. Israhyananda Dhalladoo (Mauritius), H.E. Mr. Giampaolo Carmelo Rizzo Alvarado (Honduras), H.E. Mr. Amran Mohamed Zin (Malaysia) and H.E. Ms. Vesna Batistić Kos (Croatia) who assumed her functions as the Eastern European member of the Group on 28 June 2017, following the resignation of H.E. Mr. Jan Kára (Czechia) on 19 June 2017. The working cycle of the current Consultative Group commenced on 1 April 2017 and will end on 31 March 2018, pursuant to paragraph 1(b) of Council decision 30/115.
4. A total of seven special procedure vacancies are to be filled at the Council’s thirty-sixth session as follows (listed in alphabetical order):
5. **Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance** [[HRC resolution 34/35](http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/RES/34/35)];
6. **Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from Western European and other States** [[HRC resolution 27/25](http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/RES/27/25)];
7. **Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from African States** [[HRC resolution 32/4](http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/RES/32/4)];
8. **Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from Asia-Pacific States** [[HRC resolution 32/4](http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/RES/32/4)];
9. **Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from Eastern European States** [[HRC resolution 32/4](http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/RES/32/4)];
10. **Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from Western European and other States** [[HRC resolution 32/4](http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/RES/32/4)];

and

1. **Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members** [HRC resolution 35/9].
2. The seventh vacancy listed above, namely for the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family members, was not initially foreseen and arose as one of the outcomes of the decisions made by the Human Rights Council at its thirty-fifth session. This mandate was created pursuant to the adoption of Council resolution 35/9 on 22 June 2017.
3. The present report contains the list of recommended candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President of the Council for the first six aforementioned mandates. Due to the unforeseen nature of the seventh vacancy and the unavoidably more recent launch, on 28 June 2017, of the call for applications for the new mandate, recommendations in relation to the new mandate on leprosy will be the subject of Part II of the Group’s report (forthcoming as a separate document).
4. **Process**
5. The Consultative Group held nine formal meetings, including one meeting with interpretation, from 17 to 21 July 2017, to consider candidates for the first six aforementioned vacancies.
6. Following the Group’s previous decision, the chairing function continued to be equally shared amongst the five members on a rotational basis according to the overall number of mandates to be considered during this cycle. Accordingly, H.E. Mr. Giampaolo Carmelo Rizzo Alvarado (Honduras) chaired the meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to the mandates of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from Western European and other States. H.E. Ms. Vesna Batistić Kos (Croatia) chaired the meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to the mandate of the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from Asia-Pacific States and member from Western European and other States. H.E. Mr. Amran Mohamed Zin (Malaysia) chaired the meetings held by the Consultative Group in relation to the mandate of the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from African States and member from Eastern European States.
7. The application period for the submission of applications for the first six mandates was from 24 April to 1 June 2017, extended to 8 June 2017 due to the initially limited number of applications received.
8. The Consultative Group considered 89 individual applications from 81 candidates initially submitted for the first six aforementioned specific vacancies in accordance with the relevant paragraphs of Human Rights Council resolution 16/21. The applications were made public on the designated OHCHR web page[[1]](#footnote-2) of special procedures as provided for in paragraph 22 (b) of the annex to Council resolution 16/21 (see annex I of this report). After the application deadline passed and the shortlisting was completed, one candidate withdrew the application on 18 July 2017, just prior to the scheduled interview.
9. Shortlisted candidates were able to request in advance and make use of interpretation in one of the six official languages of the United Nations during their telephone interviews, pursuant to the President’s statement 29/1 of 3 July 2015. Fluency in one of the two working languages of the United Nations was also assessed by the members of the Consultative Group for all candidates who made use of interpretation during their interviews.
10. The members of the Consultative Group took into full consideration the technical and objective requirements as stipulated in paragraphs 39-41, 44-46, 48, 50-51 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, Council decision 6/102 and paragraph 22 of Council resolution 16/21, and relevant Council resolutions establishing the specific mandates under consideration.
11. The Consultative Group took note of the perspectives offered by stakeholders including current or outgoing mandate holders in determining the necessary expertise, experience, skills and other relevant requirements for each mandate.[[2]](#footnote-3) While not adopting a formal policy on gender balance and geographical representation the Group made a strong commitment to pay due attention to both of those aspects at all stages of the selection and appointment process. On gender balance, the Consultative Group duly took note of the Guidelines on Gender Parity.[[3]](#footnote-4) The Group noted that from the total number of 81 eligible candidates who applied within the deadline, 60 were women, representing 74 per cent of all applicants.
12. As in the previous selection round, the Consultative Group decided to continue following a self-disclosure procedure in situations where any member has been approached with regard to the applications of candidates. The Group decided to strongly discourage meetings of individual candidates with members of the Group, and inform candidates that this was the practice of the current Group. However, the Group decided that – if a meeting takes place – the candidate would be informed that its taking place and its contents would be shared with the other members of the Group. In connection with the aforementioned, the Group reaffirmed that the process of selection is objective, transparent, ensures equal treatment of all candidates, and recommendations to the President are public and substantiated pursuant to Council resolutions 5/1 and 16/21. The Consultative Group also reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring the best possible candidates are recommended to the positions under consideration.
13. The Consultative Group discussed ways to alleviate concerns about the issue of a conflict of interest that may arise when, for example, a member of the Group has the same nationality as a candidate, personally knows a candidate or is otherwise related to a candidate, or feels that an actual or perceived potential conflict of interest may arise. The Group discussed under which circumstances this may unfairly prejudice the candidate, positively or negatively. In that regard, the Group agreed that each member would make full disclosure of the potential conflict of interest to other members of the Group and the member concerned will not participate in the shortlisting, interviews and ranking of candidates after the interviews, but will be observing and be present during the whole process to ensure the equal treatment of all candidates.
14. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives of Croatia and Malaysia declared that they would not participate in the shortlisting, interviews and ranking of candidates after the interviews, but would be observing and be present during the whole process to ensure the equal treatment of all candidates, for the mandates of the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from the Eastern European States and member of the Asia Pacific States, respectively, because candidates from their respective countries of nationality applied.
15. In accordance with paragraphs 44 and 46 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the Consultative Group sought to address consistently the potential for conflict of interest of all candidates holding decision-making positions in Government or in any other organization or entity and was vigilant on the principle of non-accumulation of human rights functions. These issues were clarified during interviews and pursued subsequently in writing when necessary, requesting the candidate to state, inter alia, what steps he or she would be prepared to take, if appointed, with regard to any functions or duties that may give rise to an accumulation of human rights functions and/or any potential conflict of interest. On at least one occasion during the current selection process, the Group considered that there was a potential conflict of interest with regard to the current functions or duties of a candidate, and since the candidate was not prepared to relinquish such duties or functions, the Group decided not to include the candidate in its recommendations.
16. In accordance with established practice, it was decided that each member of the Consultative Group would individually rank and propose a list of candidates for each vacancy drawing on the written applications received, reflecting on their stated qualifications, relevant experience, expertise, independence, impartiality, personal integrity, objectivity, availability and motivation in compliance with relevant provisions of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102, resolution 16/21 and relevant Council resolutions establishing the specific mandates under consideration. As a result of this ranking exercise, a shortlist of candidates to be interviewed was established for these mandates.
17. The Group interviewed a total of 29 shortlisted candidates for the first six aforementioned vacancies (see annex II of this report). These interviews occurred on 17 to 21 July 2017, pursuant to paragraph 22 (c) of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 16/21. Each candidate was asked similar questions based on the relevant provisions of Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102, resolution 16/21 and relevant Council resolutions establishing the specific mandates under consideration. All decisions of the Consultative Group were made by consensus.
18. **Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance**
19. There were 27 eligible candidates for this vacancy. The Consultative Group interviewed five candidates and decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below. Additionally, the Group wishes to highlight that it has decided unanimously to express a strong preference for the first candidate, who was outstanding, and who demonstrated her qualifications and experience convincingly and with enthusiasm through her written application and during the interview process.

**1. Ms. E. Tendayi ACHIUME (Zambia)**

**2. Ms. Gay McDOUGALL (United States of America)**

**3. Ms. Marie-Evelyne PETRUS (France)**

1. Ms. Achiume is an Assistant Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law, University of California, Los Angeles, California, United States of America. She is also a research associate at the African Centre for Migration and Society at the University of Witwatersrand, University of Johannesburg, South Africa. Her current research focuses on the application of international legal and normative frameworks (especially the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination) to contemporary manifestations of racial and xenophobic discrimination, and she carried out fact-finding missions to different parts of the world. She has engaged with the United Nations human rights mechanisms, including by making an expert presentation at the ninth session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards and was invited as an expert at expert meetings of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. She has supervised litigation before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and has engaged in dialogue with multiple stakeholders. The Consultative Group noted her strong motivation, expertise and vision on implementing the mandate, such as by exploring the links between the mandate and the global compacts on refugees and migrants.
2. Ms. McDougall is a Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence at Leitner Center for International Law and Justice at Fordham Law School, New York, United States of America. She served as the first United Nations Independent Expert on Minority Issues (2005-2011) and guided the work of the Forum on Minority Issues (2009-2011). She was re-elected as an expert member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination for a second four-year term (2016-2020). She has worked with the regional mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights, and a variety of stakeholders. The Consultative Group noted her expertise and varied work experience, with the United Nations system and in other multilateral forums, including the international judicial system and civil society.
3. Ms. Petrus has applied, has been short-listed for interviews and is recommended for both the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and for the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from Western European and other States, see paragraph 24 below. It is the Consultative Group’s considered opinion in view of the strong written application of the candidate and her performance during the interview that she would make a solid contribution to the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from Western European and other States, and for this reason she has been recommended and ranked in the first position for the Working Group.
4. **Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from Western European and other States**
5. There were nine eligible candidates for this vacancy. The Consultative Group interviewed five candidates and decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

**1. Ms. Marie-Evelyne PETRUS (France)**

**2. Ms. Elisabeth KANEZA (Germany)**

**3. Ms. Dominique DAY (United States of America)**

1. Ms. Petrus is the United Nations Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Libreville, Gabon, and is due to retire in August 2017. She has a long engagement with the United Nations, having worked on the issues of racism, discrimination, afro-phobia, xenophobia and associated intolerance in sub-Saharan Africa as Director of the United Nations Information Centre in South Africa, Regional Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Central Africa based in Yaounde, Cameroon, and as Director of the Africa regional office of the non-governmental organization Amnesty International based in Kampala, Uganda. Ms. Petrus led the organization of the first conference of the International Decade for People of African Descent in Africa, in Gabon in May 2017. The Consultative Group noted her strong background, country engagement and outreach to various stakeholders in the areas of the mandate.
2. Ms. Kaneza is a doctorate candidate at the Faculty of Law, University of Potsdam, Germany, since 2016 focusing her research on the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and its impact on the legal status of people of African descent in Germany. She is the founding President of the Kaneza Foundation for Dialogue and Empowerment, a civil society organization with the mandate to promote the rights of people of African descent. She was a fellow for the Programme for People of African Descent with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in 2015. The Consultative Group noted her knowledge and familiarity with the work of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent and personal engagement in the area of the mandate.
3. Ms. Day is a lawyer and the founder and Executive Director of Daylight, an access to justice platform supporting human rights. She has worked on issues of legal aid in Afghanistan, capacity building in Iraq and incarceration policies targeting African-Americans in the United States of America, engaging with a variety of stakeholders. The Consultative Group noted her experience and expertise in the field of human rights.
4. **General observations by the Consultative Group relating to the four positions in the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice**
5. The Consultative Group would like to note that the overall percentage of women special procedure mandate holders currently stands at 42 per cent. Whilst the Group duly takes into consideration gender and geographic balance at all stages of the selection process, with the objective of improving gender balance among special procedure mandate holders, this should be assessed at the end of the one-year cycle of the Group’s selection for all the mandates under the Group’s responsibility.
6. For the appointments to be made at the thirty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council, the Consultative Group considered inter alia the selection and appointment of four out of five members of the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice. From the total of 52 eligible candidates for the four members of the Working Group, 46 were women (88 per cent) and 6 were men (12 per cent).
7. In ranking the candidates, the Consultative Group was especially mindful of the considerations outlined by the current Working Group members, namely the absence of gender balance among the five members who are currently all women, but also that gender should not prevail over commitment and expertise in the area of discrimination against women.
8. The Consultative Group made efforts to address the absence of gender diversity in the Working Group. The Group nevertheless decided to recommend women as first ranked candidates on the basis of the performance of the candidates at the interview which was assessed together with the information provided through the written application form. The issue of gender diversity within the Working Group, therefore, deserves continued attention in the future.
9. In this connection, the Group would like to note for future reference the importance of efforts to encourage more qualified applicants, both men and women, to put their names forward for all Working Group positions.
10. **Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from African States**
11. There were 17 eligible candidates for this vacancy. The Consultative Group interviewed five candidates and decided to recommend the following two candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

**1. Ms. Meskerem TECHANE (Ethiopia)**

**2. Ms. Khadija CHERIF (Tunisia)**

1. Ms. Techane is a doctorate candidate at the Human Rights Centre of the University of Padova, Italy, in human rights and multi-level governance. She was a former High Court Judge in the Ethiopian judiciary, and has participated in projects for the promotion of the rights of women in Africa. She has advised in an expert consultant capacity several United Nations and affiliated institutions, including OHCHR, served in different working groups of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights and engaged with the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and the African Court. She has built a strong network of national human rights institutions, legal, academic and civil society actors in Africa and across the world. The Consultative Group noted her experience and expertise in the field of the mandate, which would make her a valuable member of the Working Group and her stated intention to ensure that the Working Group outreaches to more stakeholders from the African continent.
2. Ms. Cherif is a member of the board of two non-governmental organizations, namely Tunisian Association of Women Democrats (*Association Tunisienne des Femmes Démocrates)* and the Tunisian FIDH (*Fédération internationale des ligues des droits de l’Homme*), both based in Tunis, Tunisia. She was the Secretary-General of FIDH and the Deputy Secretary-General in charge of the FIDH Women Working Group, both roles based at the international office in Paris, France. She initiated, and participated in monitoring missions on human rights violations including gender-based violence in different countries of the region. The Consultative Group noted her regional knowledge and expertise in the area of the mandate.
3. **Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from Asia-Pacific States**
4. The Consultative Group would like to recall its principled decision made at its organizational meeting on 19 April 2017, and referred to in paragraphs 14 and 15 above, that in order to avoid a perception of a conflict of interest of the members of the Group who may have the same nationality as candidates, the member concerned will not participate in the shortlisting, interviews and evaluation after the interviews but will be present during the whole process to ensure the equal treatment of all candidates. Pursuant to this principled decision, the Permanent Representative of Malaysia did not participate in the shortlisting, interviews and evaluation after the interviews for this mandate, but was present during the whole process to ensure the equal treatment of all candidates.
5. There were 10 eligible candidates for this vacancy. The Consultative Group interviewed the five candidates and decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

**1. Ms. Melissa UPRETI (Nepal)**

**2. Ms. Zarizana ABDUL AZIZ (Malaysia)**

**3. Ms. Haina LU (China)**

1. Ms. Upreti is an Honorary Fellow on Reproductive and Sexual Health at the International Reproductive and Sexual Health Law Program at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, Canada and is based in the United States of America. She has dedicated her career to advancing the rights of women in the Global South with a focus on Asia and started as a grassroots advocate. She founded the Asia program on women’s rights at the non-governmental organization, Center for Reproductive Rights based in New York, United States of America. She is knowledgeable about the United Nations human rights mechanisms having engaged with treaty bodies, the Human Rights Council and special procedure mandates, and has built a strong network at the global, regional, national and local levels in the field of women’s rights. The Consultative Group noted her motivation, experience in the area of women’s rights and engagement with stakeholders at all levels to close the implementation gap for rights holders.
2. Ms. Abdul Aziz is the Director of the International Human Rights Initiative, Inc., a multi-country research and capacity-building project on applying or integrating the Due Diligence Framework into existing and future strategies to eliminate violence against women. Ms. Abdul Aziz has advised on legislative reform in several countries in the Asia-Pacific region and engaged with Governments, intergovernmental organizations, academia, human rights experts, cultural and religious authorities and civil society. She is knowledgeable about and has engaged with the United Nations human rights and regional mechanisms. The Consultative Group noted her experience and expertise in the field of women's rights.
3. Ms. Lu is an Associate Professor at the Renmin University of China Law School and the Secretary-General of the Human Rights Centre of the Renmin University of China, which is a national base for human rights education and training. She has cooperated with the European Court of Human Rights, has served as an expert consultant working with local Government, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, and has developed relationships with multiple stakeholders on the issue of women’s rights. The Consultative Group noted her motivation, and experience in the area of women’s rights.
4. **Candidates proposed by the Consultative Group to the President for the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from Eastern European States**
5. The Group would like to recall its principled decision made at its organizational meeting on 19 April 2017, and referred to in paragraphs 14 and 15 above, that in order to avoid a perception of a conflict of interest of members of the Group who may have the same nationality as candidates, the member concerned will not participate in the shortlisting, interviews and evaluation after the interviews but will be present during the whole process to ensure the equal treatment of all candidates. Pursuant to this principled decision, the Permanent Representative of Croatia did not participate in the shortlisting, interviews and evaluation after the interviews for this mandate, but was present during the whole process to ensure the equal treatment of all candidates.
6. There were initially 10 eligible candidates for this vacancy. The Consultative Group shortlisted five candidates to interview for this vacancy. One of the five shortlisted candidates, Ms. Danela Arsovska from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, informed the Group on the evening before the interview, on 18 July 2017, of her decision to withdraw her candidature due to a change of personal circumstances. Therefore, the Group interviewed the four remaining shortlisted candidates. The Group wishes to highlight that it has decided unanimously to recommend as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, the following candidate, who was outstanding, and who demonstrated her qualifications and experience convincingly and with enthusiasm through her written application and during the interview process. The Consultative Group is confident that Ms. Radačić will make an excellent contribution to the Working Group in view of her commitment and expertise in the area of discrimination against women.

**1. Ms. Ivana RADAČIĆ (Croatia)**

1. Ms. Radačić is a senior research associate at the Ivo Pilar Institute of Social Sciences in Zagreb and a visiting lecturer at the University of Zagreb, Croatia, specializing in the areas of women’s rights and gender equality. She has litigated women’s rights cases internationally, has conducted advocacy at the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, and participated in a side event organized by the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice during the twenty-third session of the Human Rights Council. She has worked at the European Court of Human Rights, has been involved in projects of the Council of Europe and has carried out capacity building and training in Croatia and countries of the region on gender equality. The Consultative Group noted her strong motivation, concrete vision of the mandate and her background in working with all stakeholders to promote the human rights of women in the region.
2. **Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from Western European and other States**
3. There were 16 eligible candidates for this vacancy. The Consultative Group interviewed the five candidates and decided to recommend the following three candidates as best qualified to fulfil the mandate, ranking them in the order of preference below.

**1. Ms. Elizabeth BRODERICK (Australia)**

**2. Ms. Christine CHINKIN (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)**

**3. Mr. Andrew BYRNES (Australia)**

1. Ms. Broderick is the Special Adviser to the Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN-Women (United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women) on Private Sector Engagement, and Co-Chair of the Women’s Empowerment Principles Leadership Group, positions she would be prepared to relinquish if appointed as special procedure mandate holder. She served as Australia's Sex Discrimination Commissioner (2007-2015) and has worked in the region, nationally and locally with a range of stakeholders, including Governments, business leaders, indigenous communities, the academia, activists, and grass roots organizations on the rights of women and discrimination. The Consultative group noted her strong engagement to advance the rights of women and her clear understanding and comprehensive vision of the mandate.
2. Ms. Chinkin is Emerita Professor of International Law and Director of the Centre on Women, Peace and Security at the London School of Economics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Norther Ireland. She is a qualified barrister and a member of the Bar of England and Wales, and has served two terms as a Council member of the International Bar Association’s Human Rights Institute. She was a member of the Human Rights Advisory Panel in Kosovo[[4]](#footnote-5) (2010-2016) and participated in two high-level fact-finding missions mandated by the Human Rights Council. She has advised the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women and OHCHR, and has liaised with the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. The Consultative group noted her experience and in-depth practical knowledge of international human rights law and expertise in the area of women’s human rights.
3. Mr. Byrnes is a Professor of International Law and researcher at the Faculty of Law of the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia, and Chair of the Australian Human Rights Centre. Mr. Byrnes has worked with international standard-setting and monitoring processes, such as the drafting of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. He has participated in an expert, academic or non-governmental organization capacity in the work of treaty bodies and in intergovernmental meetings. He has advised Governments, intergovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations on women’s human rights. The Consultative Group noted his extensive experience on women’s human rights issues and stated intention to focus on the practical implementation of the Working Group’s mandate.

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***Annex I - List of eligible candidates considered by mandate[[5]](#footnote-6)***

**1. Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance**

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| **Title and first name** | **Last name** | **Nationality** |
| Ms. E. Tendayi | ACHIUME | Zambia |
| Mr. Yao Nikez | ADU | Russian Federation |
| Mr. Christian | AHLUND | Sweden |
| Mr. Yaman | AKDENIZ | Turkey |
| Mr. Liaquat | ALI | Pakistan |
| Mr. Ahmedou Tidjane | BAL | Mauritania |
| Ms. Vilna | BASHI TREITLER | United States of America |
| Mr. Stephen | BRONNER | United States |
| Mr. Javier | BUJAN | Argentina |
| Ms. Epsy | CAMPBELL | Costa Rica |
| Ms. Dominique | DAY | United States of America |
| Ms. Tala | DOWLATSHAHI | United States of America |
| Ms. Mireille | FANON MENDES-FRANCE | France |
| Ms. Rose | KIISHWEKO | Tanzania |
| Mr. Tefik | MAHMUT | The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia |
| Mr. Matlotleng | MATLOU | South Africa |
| Ms. Gay | McDOUGALL | United States of America |
| Mr. Pedro | MOURATIAN | Argentina |
| Mr. Mwiza | NKHATA  | Malawi |
| Mr. Antonio | PALLAS VALENCIA | Spain |
| Ms. Melissa | PARKE | Australia |
| Ms. Marie-Evelyne | PETRUS | France |
| Mr. Nyameko | PITYANA | South Africa |
| Mr. Asif | QURESHI | Pakistan |
| Ms. Edna  | SANTOS ROLAND | Brazil |
| Mr. Pierre | SOB | Cameroon |
| Ms. Mischa | THOMPSON | United States of America |

**2. Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from Western European and other States**

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| **Title and first name** | **Last name** | **Nationality** |
| Ms. Dominique | DAY | United States of America |
| Ms. Dòwòti | DÉSIR | United States of America |
| Ms. Shulaika | GIRIGORI | Netherlands |
| Ms. Elisabeth  | KANEZA | Germany |
| Mr. Antonio | PALLAS VALENCIA | Spain |
| Ms. Marie-Evelyne | PETRUS | France |
| Ms. Mischa | THOMPSON | United States of America |
| Ms. Opal | TOMETI | United States of America |
| Ms. Veronica | WOMACK | United States of America |

**3. Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from African States**

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| **Title and first name** | **Last name** | **Nationality** |
| Ms. Naima  | BENWAKRIM | Morocco |
| Ms. Khadija | CHERIF  | Tunisia |
| Ms. Joy | EZEILO | Nigeria |
| Ms. Salwa | HAMROUNI | Tunisia |
| Ms. Mozn | HASSAN | Egypt |
| Ms. Rhoda | IGE | Nigeria |
| Ms. Fatma | KHAFAGY | Egypt |
| Ms. Amal | KHALIFA | Egypt |
| Ms. Rose | KIISHWEKO | Tanzania |
| Ms. Kobauyah | KPATCHA | Togo |
| Ms. Faiza | MOHAMED | Djibouti |
| Ms. Madeleine | NIRERE  | Rwanda |
| Ms. Noangma | OUANGRAWA / KOUDOUGOU | Burkina Faso |
| Ms. Ruth | SEBATINDIRA | Uganda |
| Mr. Pierre | SOB | Cameroon |
| Ms. Patricia | SUKORE | Nigeria |
| Ms. Meskerem | TECHANE | Ethiopia |

**4. Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from Asia-Pacific States**

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| **Title and first name** | **Last name** | **Nationality** |
| Ms. Zarizana | ABDUL AZIZ | Malaysia |
| Ms. Nausheen | AHMAD | Pakistan |
| Ms. Leila | ALIKARAMI | Iran (Islamic Republic of) |
| Ms. Vrinda | GROVER | India |
| Ms. Furrah | KASHIF | Pakistan |
| Ms. Rita | KOLIBONSO | Indonesia |
| Ms. Haina | LU | China |
| Mr. Bimal | PATEL | India |
| Ms. Puneet  | PUNEET | India |
| Ms. Melissa | UPRETI | Nepal |

**5. Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from Eastern European States**

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| **Title and first name** | **Last name** | **Nationality** |
| Mr. Yao Nikez | ADU | Russian Federation |
| Mr. Borut | AMBROZIC | Slovenia |
| Ms. Danela | ARSOVSKA[[6]](#footnote-7) | The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia |
| Ms. Zuzana | CANDIGLIOTA | Czechia |
| Ms. Halyna | FELDKOVYCH | Ukraine |
| Ms. Maja | HAWLINA | Slovenia |
| Ms. Mirjana | NAJCHEVSKA | The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia |
| Ms. Wanda | NOWICKA | Poland |
| Ms. Ivana | RADAČIĆ | Croatia |
| Mr. Roman | WIERUSZEWSKI | Poland |

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| Ms. Elizabeth | BRODERICK | Australia |
| Mr. Andrew | BYRNES | Australia |
| Ms. Rosa | CELORIO | United States of America |
| Ms. Christine  | CHINKIN | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |
| Ms. Rosa  | DA COSTA | Portugal  |
| Ms. Dominique | DAY | United States of America |
| Mr. Carlos María | DE CERÓN Y CASTRO | Spain |
| Mr. Jared | GENSER | United States of America |
| Ms. Jacqueline | HUNT | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |
| Ms. Yakare-Oule (Nani) | JANSEN REVENTLOW | Netherlands |
| Ms. Magali | LAFOURCADE | France |
| Ms. Sylvie | PIERRE-BROSSOLETTE | France |
| Ms. Bianca Maria | POMERANZI | Italy |
| Ms. Diane | ROMAN | France |
| Ms. June | ZEITLIN | United States of America |

***Annex II – List of shortlisted candidates interviewed by the Consultative Group[[7]](#footnote-8)***

**1. Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance**

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| **Title and first name** | **Last name** | **Nationality** |
| Ms. E. Tendayi | ACHIUME | Zambia |
| Ms. Gay | McDOUGALL | United States of America |
| Ms. Marie-Evelyne | PETRUS | France |
| Ms. Edna  | SANTOS ROLAND | Brazil |
| Ms. Mischa | THOMPSON | United States of America |

**2. Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, member from Western European and other States**

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| Ms. Shulaika | GIRIGORI | Netherlands |
| Ms. Elisabeth  | KANEZA | Germany |
| Ms. Marie-Evelyne | PETRUS | France |
| Ms. Mischa | THOMPSON | United States of America |

**3. Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from African States**

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| **Title and first name** | **Last name** | **Nationality** |
| Ms. Khadija | CHERIF  | Tunisia |
| Ms. Joy | EZEILO | Nigeria |
| Ms. Fatma | KHAFAGY | Egypt |
| Ms. Faiza | MOHAMED | Djibouti |
| Ms. Meskerem | TECHANE | Ethiopia |

**4. Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from Asia-Pacific States**

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| **Title and first name** | **Last name** | **Nationality** |
| Ms. Zarizana | ABDUL AZIZ | Malaysia |
| Ms. Leila | ALIKARAMI | Iran (Islamic Republic of) |
| Ms. Rita | KOLIBONSO | Indonesia |
| Ms. Haina | LU | China |
| Ms. Melissa | UPRETI | Nepal |

**5. Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, member from Eastern European States**

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1. [http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/HRC36.aspx](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/HRC36.aspx) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. As per paragraph 51 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1. Letter from the Chairperson of the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures (dated 12 July 2017, see [http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/SP/ChairCClettertotheCG12072017.pdf](https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/SP/ChairCClettertotheCG12072017.pdf)), joint letter from Amnesty International, Alkarama Foundation, the Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Commission of Jurists, the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association, the International Service for Human Rights and the World Organization against Torture (dated 1 June 2017), and letter from the GQUAL Campaign (dated 23 March 2017). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Annex to the letter from the 2015 Consultative Group to the President of the Human Rights Council (dated 23 December 2015). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. All references to Kosovo in the present document should be understood to be in compliance with Security Council
 resolution 1244 (1999). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. The list of mandates and candidates is provided in alphabetical order. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. On 18 July 2017, the Secretariat was informed of the candidate’s decision to withdraw her candidacy for this mandate. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. The list of mandates and candidates is provided in alphabetical order. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)